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Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-3 and 9-12, drawn to lens support, classified in class 359, subclass 811.
- II. Claims 4-8, drawn to a knob for control, classified in class 70, subclass 207.
- III. Claims 13-21, drawn to a light plate with reflective material, classified in class 340, subclass 815.42.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I, II, and III and 85 are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the lens and support as defined by the claims of Group I does not require the specific subcombinations as defined by the claims of the other groups. The subcombination has separate utility such as for example in more conventional Knobs and light plates.

Because these inventions are distinct and have acquired separate status in the art, and since different fields of search for the respective are necessary, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

During a telephone conversation with Mr. Brad Hattenbach on 3-16-05 a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-3 and 9-12.

Claims 4-8 and 13-21 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.


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